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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES- SINGAPORE SITREP

REF: SINGAPORE 2467

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM DAO SOURCES ON JUNE 8 GOS DECIDED NOT TO PERMIT 116 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAD ARRIVED IN FOUR BOATS TO LAND AT ST. JOHN'S ISLAND. (THESE ARE PROBABLY THE SAME GROUP OF REFUGEES DESCRIBED IN PARA 2, REFTEL, AS ARRIVING ON ONE BOAT). CONSEQUENTLY FOUR BOATS WERE PROVISIONED AND HAVE BEEN SENT ON THEIR WAY JUNE 8 TO SUBIC AND GUAM. ACCORDING SOURCE, REFUGEES WERE FORMERLY PART OF LARGER GROUP OF REFUGEES IN PULAU PERHENTIAN OFF EAST COAST OF MALAYSIA.

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2. UNHCR REP LUSCOMBE HAS INFORMED CONSUL THAT HE REVIEWED REFUGEE SITUATION WITH ACTING PERMSEC HOME AFFAIRS LUM CHOONG WAH, AND GOS HAS SUDDENTLY REVERTED TO PREVIOUS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ACCEPTING REFUGEES EVEN ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

ACCORDING LUSCOMBE GOS HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT ANY MORE REFUGEES, AND HAS INSTRUCTED NAVY TO PATROL AT QUITE SOME DISTANCE FROM SINGAPORE WATERS AND PREVENT ANY MORE FISHING BOATS COMING DOWN FROM THE NORTH FROM EVEN APPROACHING SINGAPORE.

3. M.V. WORLD LEADER DEPARTED SINGAPORE JUNE 10 WITH TEN REFUGEES STILL ABOARD. ALTHOUGH SHIP IS NEXT SCHEDULED TO STOP IN JAPAN, MASTER OF VESSEL IS IN RADIO CONTACT WITH SHIPPING AGENT IN TOKYO TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF OFFLOADING REFUGEES IN SUBIC. GRANT

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